

# The Crossover

## 1. What does the word "unfadeable" in Line 12 most likely mean?

- Not very strong or durable
- Cannot be defeated or diminished
- Cannot be forgotten easily
- Not impressive or productive

## 2. Who is wide open and expecting the ball from Josh?

- Jordan Bell
- The coach
- Vondie
- A player from the opposing team

## 3. In the context of the poem, what does the term "double-team" in Line 27 refer to?

- Two players from one team blocking one player from the other team
- A technique used in tennis when two opponents play on the same side
- A type of basketball that automatically spins
- A strategy in chess to take out two pawns at once

## 4. How does the speaker describe the beginning of the second half of the game?

- His team is losing.
- The game is tied.
- His team is winning.
- The game has been canceled.

## 5. What does Josh remember in Line 45?

- That the game is almost over
- That he is supposed to pass the ball
- That his "wings" are gone
- That he needs to tie his shoes

**6. What does Josh decide to do as the shot clock runs down?**

- Dribble out of the double-team
- Stand still
- Pass the ball immediately
- Leave the court

**7. What is the setting of the poem?**

- At home
- In a park
- A basketball practice
- A basketball game

**8. What does the phrase "so high, so fly" in Line 43 refer to?**

- Josh's feeling of soaring like an eagle during the game
- The ball flying out of bounds
- The other team's performance
- Josh's feeling of being weighed down

**9. What is Josh's initial mood when he enters the game?**

- Angry and frustrated
- Confused
- Sad and reluctant
- Happy and eager

**10. What does the phrase "like feathers on a bird" in Line 41 most likely mean?**

- Softly resting without movement
- Closely sticking to or following
- Gently floating down from above
- Swiftly cutting through the air

**11. What is the significance of the phrase "McDonald's drive-thru open" in line 38?**

- It shows that the game is sponsored by McDonald's.
- It suggests that they are playing near a McDonald's.
- It indicates that Josh is hungry.
- It emphasizes how open Jordan Bell is for a pass.

**12. What does the speaker mean by "going for broke" in Line 36?**

- Saving money
- Losing on purpose
- Playing it safe
- Taking a big risk